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SUBJECT: CONFLICT BETWEEN WORLD FOOD COUNCIL SECRETARIAT AND FOOD
AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION CONCERNING WFC RULES OF PROCEDURE
AND INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)
MEETINGS

1. WFC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN HANNAH CALLED IN U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO MORNING JANUARY 16 TO DISCUSS AMONG OTHER MATTERS FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S SUGGESTIONS TO GROUP 77 CALLING FOR EXPANDED FAO ROLE IN WFC RULES OF PROCEDURE AND IFAD.

2. DR. HANNAH SAID HE HAD HAD QUITE SATISFACTORY MEETING WITH NEW FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL EDOUARD SAOUMA AFTER LATTER'S ELECTION IN NOVEMBER, AND WAS TAKEN ABACK BY DR. SAOUMA'S MOVES TO CREATE BUDGET DIFFICULTIES FOR WFC SECRETARIAT AND TO SEEK GREATLY EXPANDED ROLE IN WFC AND IFAD OPERATION.

3. DR. HANNAH EXPRESSED VIEW THAT DIRECTOR-GENERAL SAOUMA HAS OVER-PLAYED HIS HAND, AND THAT GROUP 77 COUNTRIES GENERALLY, AS WELL AS OTHERS, WILL NOT ENDORSE INCREASED ROLE FAO IS SEEKING IN
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WFC AND IFAD ACTIVITIES. FAO SUGGESTIONS ALSO RUN COUNTER TO WORLD

FOOD CONFERENCE AND UNGA DECISIONS, AND TO UN SYSTEM. DR. HANNAH HAS DISCUSSED RULES OF PROCEDURE PROBLEM WITH CHESNOY OF USSR WHO HAS ARRIVED FOR RULES OF PROCEDURE MEETING, AND SAYS THAT CHESNOY ASSURES HIM OF SOVIET SUPPORT FOR WFC SECRETARIAT AGAINST FAO PROPOSALS. (COMMENT:

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CONCURS GENERALLY WITH DR. HANNAH'S ASSESSMENT, BUT BELIEVES IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CAMARA OF GUINEA WHO CHAIRS GROUP 77 HERE, MAY NONETHELESS PROCEED TO PRESENT FAO SUGGESTIONS IN RULES OF PROCEDURE AND IFAC MEETINGS ON BASIS OF SOMETHING LESS THAN FORMAL GROUP 77 ENDORSEMENT.)
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